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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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REMARKS

The documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 were cited in an official communication from the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding European patent application. A copy of a Search Report indicating how these references were deemed material to the European patent application also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

### FEE STATEMENT

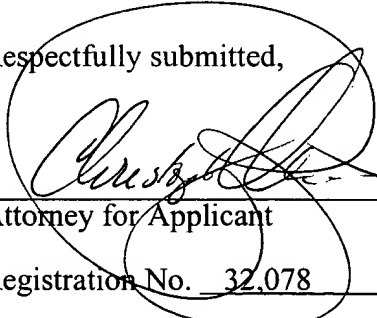
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application or prior to the mailing of a first action on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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